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Applicant: HAYASHI et al. Conf.: 7584
Appl. No.: 09/842,896 Group: 1616
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For: PLANT-ACTIVATING AGENT

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

October 15, 2001
(Monday)

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner of the above-identified application has issued a restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121, and requests that the Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants note that the plant-activating agents encompassed by claim 1 contain therein three (3) separate components. An election